Sunset Area Planned Action

FEIS, Planned Action Ordinance & Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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Study Area District Residential North Sunset Mixed Use Potential Sunset Terrare Redevelopment NE 15TH PL NE 14TH ST

Purpose

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- Considers alternatives, impacts, and mitigation
- Discloses important information for decision-making
- Allows for public and agency comments on the proposal



What is the Sunset Area EIS/ Planned Action?

Analyzes four areas:

- Redevelopment RHA's Sunset Terrace
- Sunset Boulevard improvements
- Master stormwater drainage plan
- General neighborhood redevelopment, including public and private investment





Putting Community Ideas to Work

Sunset Area EIS/Planned Action builds off:

- Land use and zoning changes suggested by the first Highlands Task Force
- Community recommendations made by the second Task Force



 Actions endorsed by the Sunset Community Investment Strategy





Draft Environmental Impact Statement

- Issued in December 2010
- Public Hearing January 5th
- Comments made by agencies and the general public:



- Noise
- Transit
- Affordable housing
- Density
- Development incentives



- Bulk and scale
- Parking
- Public safety
- Stormwater control
- Maximizing sustainability



DEIS Alternatives



- Alternative 1 –No Action
- Alternative 2 –ModerateInvestment
- Alternative 3 –
 Full Zoning
 Implementation





Final Environmental Impact Statement



- Responds to all DEIS comments
- Tentative publication date- April 1, 2011
- Offers a modified
 Alternative 3 as the preferred alternative





Multifamily: Flats Multifamily: Townhouses Civic/Community Services Retail/Commercial/Mixed-Use Active park/open space Note: The central open space will be designed and Passive open space: plaza programmed at a later date, Considerations would include active and passive recreation, community Existing buildings to remain gardens, and community gathering areas.

Preferred Alternative-Sunset Terrace

- Includes space for new Highlands Library
- Features widened Sunset Lane
- Neighborhood park serves existing and future residents
- Parking to be located on the street and under the buildings



Preferred Alternative-RHA Edmonds-Glenwood Project

- Northwest of Sunset Terrace
- Eight four-bedroom townhomes to be built on Glenwood
- Bulk and scale more compatible with the neighborhood
- Provides a relocation option for Sunset Terrace residents
- RHA Received \$1.95 million from King County





Preferred Alternative-Providence PACE Facility

- Program for <u>A</u>ll-Inclusive <u>C</u>are for the <u>E</u>lderly
- Located behind the Tea Palace
- Proposed to be developed and managed by Providence Health Care
- Includes senior housing on the same site

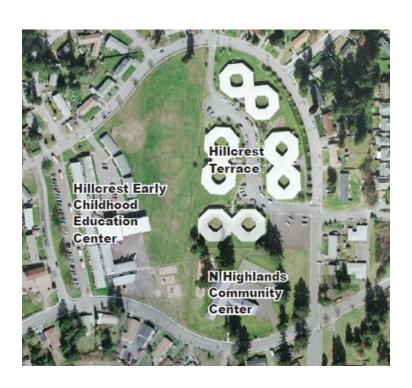


 Providence has committed to fund PACE, but is still seeking federal grants for the housing





Preferred Alternative-Hillcrest Superblock



- Four scenarios for joint development of the superblock were developed last fall
- RSD is proceeding with design of a new Early Childhood Learning Center
- Will continue to explore opportunities for joint development in this location





Planned Action

Purpose:

- Allowed by the <u>S</u>tate <u>E</u>nvironmental <u>P</u>olicy <u>A</u>ct (SEPA)
- Studies proposals in advance
- Development incentive
- More competitive for grant funding





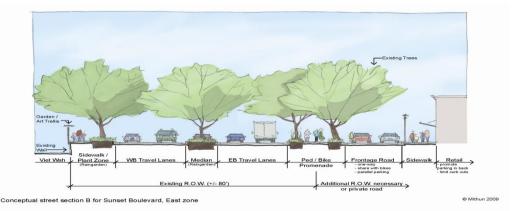


Planned Action

Ordinance:

- Type of development allowed in area
- Identifies mitigation for development
- Further public review of proposals would be determined by future permit processes (e.g. Site Plan)







Comprehensive Plan Amendments

- Allowed once per year, unless associated with Planned Action
- Adds necessary capital projects:
 - Water, wastewater, stormwater utility upgrades
 - New neighborhood park
 - Sunset Boulevard improvements
 - Green connections
- Other Amendments and updates to related plans and will occur during the regular cycle





Next Steps- Planned Action and EIS

- FEIS tentatively issued
 April 1st
- Planning Commission public hearing April 6, 2011 on CPAs & Planned Action Ordinance
- Tentative review and adoption by Council May 2011
- Implementation...





